

**MINUTES
CITY OF EDINA MINNESOTA
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION
EDINA CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM
Thursday June 13, 2013
7:03 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER 7:03p.m.

II. ROLL CALL Answering Roll Call was Brandt, Gubrud, Heer, Howard, Risser, Thompson, Zarrin and Chair Sierks

Absent: Kostuch, Sokol

Late Arrival: Latham, Rudnicki

Staff Present: Ross Bintner, Rebecca Foster and Wayne Houle

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion made by Member Gubrud and seconded by Member Thompson to approve the Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Member Latham arrived at 7:05p.m.

IV. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes.

Member Rudnicki arrived at 7:09p.m.

Motion made by Member Latham and seconded by Member Heer to approve the amended Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Attendance report and roster. No Comment.

C. Workgroup list and minutes. No Comment.

Motion made by Member Thompson and seconded by Member Gubrud to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

V. COMMUNITY COMMENTS No Comment.

VI. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Living Streets Policy. Mr. Houle, Director of Engineering, and Jennifer Janovy, ETC Commissioner, presented the proposed Living Streets Policy. They explained how Living Streets will balance the needs of motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians, transit riders and storm water run-off from paved surfaces. Living Streets elements may include additions of traffic calming, sidewalks, landscaping, pedestrian lighting,

marked pedestrian crossing, bump out with rain garden, etc. The policy is scheduled to be reviewed at the July 16th Council Work Session. An Advisory Committee will be formed including volunteers from Boards and Commissions. Member Risser, Member Thompson and Mr. Bintner are volunteering from the EEC. The goal is to complete the Living Street Plan in 2014.

B. Prepare for June 18 CC/EEC Workshop

- i. Energy Recommendations (WP1-3). Chair Sierks gave an update on the following work plan items.
 1. WP3. The Energy and Education & Outreach working groups are planning on how to Promote Edina Emerald Energy Program for the commercial sector over the next few monthly meetings.
 2. WP1. Chair Sierks will explain that the EEC is reviewing the State Guarantee Energy Savings Program and Center for Energy and Environment Continuous Commissioning approaches to public building energy financing. The Commission intends to present results this Fall to Council and let them decide which program to use to complete the Comprehensive City Building Energy Efficiency Project work plan priority.
 3. WP2. The EEC plans to leverage the City's Communications Dept. more to promote Energy Efficiency within the Community. Member Thompson would like to ask the Council to budget for the Home Energy Squad Enhanced program.

Member Brandt excused himself from the meeting at 8:14p.m.

Motion made by Member Latham and seconded by Member Zarrin to recommend approval to enter the Home Energy Squad Enhanced program and create a budget for it. Motion carried unanimously.

- ii. Integration of Comp Plan Chapter 10 into City operations (WP4). Chair Sierks likes the Living Streets model and wants to use its framework to complete Comp Plan Chapter 10. The EEC Members concerns are the City doesn't have the money in the capitol budget to implement Chapter 10. The EEC thinks the City needs a greenhouse reduction action plan.

Motion made by Chair Sierks and seconded by Member Zarrin to recommend that Council approve a resolution of a Living Streets framework approach to implementing the different components of Comp Plan Chapter 10 and will necessitate additional staff resources. Motion carried unanimously.

- iii. Residential Recycling Recommendations (WP6). Member Latham will report on organic recycling and explain that until the two barriers of the MPCA regulations and Emerald Ash Bore are lifted it can't be done. Ask if Council wants greater transparency with private contracts too. The EEC is presenting this report as information only.

- iv. Commercial Recycling Recommendations (WP6b). Member Zarrin presented what the Edina Business Recycling task force is doing and what they've learned about business recycling.

Motion made by Member Latham and seconded by Member Gubrud to approve the task force recommendation as information only. Motion carried unanimously.

- v. Urban Forest Recommendations (WP9). Member Latham would like the Urban Forest Task Force Report be a work plan item for the Park Board next year.
- C. Air and Water Quality WG. Member Risser said the working group likes the City of Eden Prairie's model with their environmental group.
- D. Education Outreach WG. Member Gubrud promoted the July 4th parade. Tolby stickers and switch plates will be handed out. Member Thompson said he gave away 200 reusable bags at the Farmers Market. He gave away 4 Home Energy Squad visits and there are 17 visits remaining. Member Thompson announced a Cool Planet grant from Hennepin County to teach kids how to use power strips and learn how to read the kilowatt hours and therms on their electric and gas bills.

Motion made by Member Thompson and seconded by Member Gubrud to approve up to \$450 for an ecofriendly EEC double sided banner and pole to use in the parade. Motion carried unanimously.

- E. Energy WG. No Comments.
 - i. Home energy squad task force. Chair Sierks announced parade support from CenterPoint Energy, Xcel and CEE. The next meeting will cover the Home Energy Squad Enhanced program.
- F. Recycling & Solid Waste WG. Member Latham said EBR needs to visit Randy's.

Member Rudnicki excused himself from the meeting at 9:20p.m.

- i. Business recycling task force. Discussed above.
- G. Student Initiatives. No Comments.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS

- A. Tim Rudnicki – Franchise Agreements Email. Mr. Bintner reminded Commissioners that they can't email everyone due to the Open Meeting Law.
- B. Paul Thompson – Film Festival Email. Mr. Bintner reminded Commissioners that they can't email everyone due to the Open Meeting Law.
- C. Green Step Cities Invite. Mr. Bintner invited Commissioners to attend the League of Minnesota Cities Conference on June 20th.

VIII. CHAIR AND COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS. Member Latham is disappointed that the Community Garden is under water due to too much of a clay base and the gate around the garden is never locked.

IX. STAFF COMMENTS

- A. Sustainable Infrastructure tools and examples. Mr. Bintner said 54th street is demoing a public engagement process for the first time. The Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure Envision product is what's being used for the public engagement. Mr. Bintner is inviting EEC Members to participate in reviewing the ISI self-assessment check list and rating system. The MNDOT Complete Streets Seminar is information only.
- B. EEC 2013 summary and draft schedule. Information only.

There being no further business on the Commission Agenda, Chair Sierks declared the meeting adjourned at 9:37p.m.

Motion made by Member Zarrin and seconded by Member Latham to adjourn meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Rebecca Foster
GIS Administrator